GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Improving Literacy Rate among Tribal Girls
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether improvement in the literacy rate of tribal girls is essential to enable them to participate effectively in and benefit from socio-economic development;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any specific steps to provide education and to improve the literacy rate among the tribal girls in the country;

(c) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(d) whether the Government has identified low literacy tribal districts in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise including Jharkhand; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Government of India is implementing schemes specifically for tribal boys & girls to improve their literacy. Special emphasis is made in extending the benefits of these schemes to Tribal Girls. The details of the schemes are at Annexure-I. Ministry of Human Resource Development have universal programme of education namely Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, RMSA, RVSA, etc. and a special programme for residential schools for girls, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The number of districts with 25% or more Scheduled Tribes having less than 35% ST female literacy were 54 as per Census 2001 and they have come down to 17 as per Census 2011. List of low literacy districts is at Annexure-II and II A. The Government of India is implementing a scheme of 'Strengthening education among Scheduled Tribes Girls in a low literacy Districts'. The details of the Scheme is at Annexure-I.
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